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SUBJ: LOS: MEXICAN PRESS SUPPORTS PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S
SPEECH.

1. MEXICAN EDITORIALS TODAY PREDICTABLY PRAISED PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S SPEECH AT THE 'LOS' CONFERENCE JULY 27 FOR DEFENDING THE PATRIMONIAL SEA CONCEPT OF EXCLUSIVE COASTAL STATE RIGHTS TO ALL RESOURCES WITHIN THE 200-MILE ZONE AND FOR TAKING THE POSITION THAT RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF THE AREA ALLOCATED TO INDIVIDUAL NATIONS SHOULD BE THE COMMON PROPERTY OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

2. THE EDITORIALS PORTRAYED ECHEVERRIA AS A DEFENDER OF 'LDC' INTERESTS AGAINST THE MARITIME POWERS WHO PREFER CONTINUED, UNRESTRICTED FREEDOM TO DIVIDE THE OCEANS INTO SPHERES -- IN EFFECT CREATING "NEW COLONIES" FOR EXPLOTATION.

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THE PRESS LAVISHED ADDITIONAL PRAISE ON ECHEVERRIA FOR

VIGOROUSLY OPPOSING THE EFFORTS OF SOME POWERS TO CONDITION
THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PATRIMONIAL SEA CONCEPT ON THE
SUBSTITUTION OF PREFERENTIAL FOR EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS WITHIN
THESE ZONES SO THAT THE FISHING FLEETS OF THE MARITIME
POWERS CAN CONTINUE TO CLAIM PART OF THE FISH RESOURCES
WITHIN THEM.
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